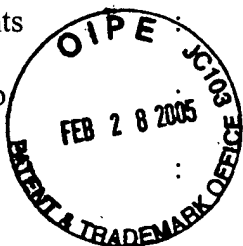


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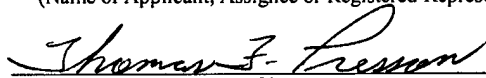
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In response to the Office Action mailed on November 30, 2004, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on February 28, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins  
on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 28 of this paper.